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UNCLE TOM'S CABIN:

or,

LIFE AMONG THE LOWLY.

BY MRS. H. B. STOWE.

CHAPTER VIII.

Eliza made her desperate retreat across the river just in the dusk of twilight. The gray mist of evening rising slowly from the river enveloped her as she disappeared up the bank, and the swollen current and foaming masses of ice presented a hopeless barrier between her and her pursuer. Haley therefore slowly and disconsolately returned to the little tavern, to ponder further what was to be done. The woman opened to him the door of a little parlor, covered with a rug carpet, where stood a table with a very shining black oil-cloth, some large high-backed wood chairs, with some plaster images in resplendent colors on the mantel shelf, above a very dimly smoking grate; a long hard wood settle extended its uneasy length by the chimney, and here Haley sat him down to meditate on the instability of human hopes and happiness in general.

"What did I want with the little cuss, now?" said he to himself, "that I should have got myself tred like a coon, as I am this year way?" and Haley relieved himself by repeating over a very select litany of imprecations on himself, which, though there was the best possible reason to consider them as true, we shall, as a matter of taste, omit.

He was started by the loud and dissonant voice of a man who was apparently dismounting at the door. He hurried to the window—

"By the hand! if this year aint the neatest now to what I hev heard folks call a Providence," said Haley, "I do believe it's a'nt Tom Loker!"

Haley hastened out. Standing by the bar, in the corner of the room, was a brawny, muscular man, full six feet in height, and broad in proportion. He was dressed in a coat of buckskin.

It was a shaggy and fierce appearance, perfectly in keeping with the whole air of his physiognomy. In the head and face every organ and expression exuded a sense of brutal and unfeeling violence was in a state of the highest possible development. Indeed, could our readers fancy a bulldog come under man's estate, and walking about in a hat and coat, they would have no unaided idea of the general style and effect of his physique. He was accompanied by a travelling companion, in many respects an exact contrast to himself. He was short and slender, lithe and cat-like in his motions, and had a peering, mousing expression about his keen black eyes, with which every feature of his face seemed sharpened by sympathy—his thin, long nose ran out as if it was eager to bore into the nature of things in general—his sleek, black hair was stuck eagerly forward, and all his motions and evolutions expressed a dry, cautious scutiness. The great big man poured out a big tumbler half full of raw spirits, and gulped it down without a word. The little man stood tip-toe, and putting his head first to one side and then to the other, and snuffing considerably in the directions of the various bottles, ordered at last a mint julep, in a thin and quivering voice, and with an air of great circumspection. When poured out, he took it and looked at it with a sharp, complacent air, like a man who thinks he has done about the right thing, and hit the nail on the head, and proceeded to dispose of it in short and well-ordered sips.

"Wal, now, who'd a thought this year luck'd come to me?" Why, Loker, how ar ye?" said Haley, coming forward, and extending his hand to the big man.

"The devil!" was the civil reply; "what brought you here, Haley?"

The mousing man, who bore the name of Marks, instantly stopped his sipping, and poking his head forward, looked shrewdly on the new acquaintance, as a cat sometimes looks at a moving dry leaf, or some other possible object of pursuit.

"I say, Tom, this year's the luckiest thing in the world. I'm in a devil of a hobbie, and you must help me out!"

"Ugh? aw! like enough!" grunted his companion acquittance. "A body may be pretty sure of that when you're glad to see em; something to be made off of em. What's the blow now?"

"You've got a friend here!" said Haley, looking doubtfully at Marks; "partner, perhaps?"

"Yes, I have. Here, Marks! here's that ar feller that I was in with in Natches."

"Shall be pleased with his acquaintance," said Marks, drawing out a long thin hand, like a rat's claw. "Mr. Haley, I believe."

"The same, sir," said Haley; "he's a real scoundrel, seen as we've met so happily, I think I'll stand up to a small master of a treat in this here parlor. So now, old coon, said he to the man at the bar, get us hot water, and sugar, and cigars, and a plenty of the real stuff, and we'll have a blow out."

Behold, then, the candles lighted, the fire stimulated to the burning point in the grate, and our three worthies seated round a table, well spread with all the accoutrements to good fellowship summed up before.

Haley began a pathetic recital of his peculiar troubles. Loker shut up his mouth, and listened to him with gruff and surly attention. Marks, who was anxiously and with much fidgeting compounding a tumbler of punch to his own peculiar taste, occasionally looked up from his employment, and poking his sharp nose and chin almost into Haley's face, gave the most earnest heed to the whole narrative. The conclusion of it appeared to amuse him extremely, for he shook his shoulders and sides in silence, and perked up his thin lips with an air of great internal enjoyment.

"So then, ye' fairly sewed up, ain't ye?" he said; "he! he! he! It's neatly done, too."

"This year young' business makes lots of trouble in the trade," said Haley, dolefully.

"If we could get a breed of gal that didn't care, now, for their young' uns," said Marks; "tell ye, I think 'would be 'bout the greatest mod' improvement I know on— and Marks patronized his joke by a quiet introductory sniggle.

"Je! so," said Haley; "I never could'nt see into it; young uns is heaps of trouble to one; one would think, now, they'd be glad to get clar on 'em; but they aint. And the more trouble a young un is, and the more good for nothing, as a g'el thing, the tighter they sticks to em."

"Wal, Mr. Haley," said Marks, jest pass the hot water. Yes, sir; you say just what I feel and allys have. Now I bought a gal once, when I was in the trade—a light, likeliy wench who's

to— and quite considerable smart, and she had a young un that was miserably sickly; it had a crooked back, or something or other; and I jest git away to a doctor that thought he'd do well with her. I never thought, yet know, of the gal's takin on about it—but, Lord, ye' oughter seen how she went on. Why reely she seen to me to val-y the child more cause 'twas sickly and cross, neither spied about it, she did all the loppin' and b'leve, as if she'd lost every friend she had. It reely was drole to think on't. Lord, there shant no end to women's notions."

"Wal, jes' as with 'em," said Haley. "I jest m' self with the river, and a gal took off of for keg of whiskey; but come to get him back, and his eyes looked as bright as yours— but come to look, I found him stone blind; fact—he was stone blind; yet, I see, I thought there warn't no harm in my jest passin him along, and not sayin' nothing about it, but I was mighty swayed off for keg of whiskey; but come to get him back, and his eyes looked as bright as yours— but come to look, I found him stone blind; fact—he was stone blind; yet, I see, I thought there warn't no harm in my jest passin him along, and not sayin' nothing about it, but I was mighty swayed off for keg of whiskey; but come to get him back, and his eyes looked as bright as yours— but come to look, I found him stone blind; fact—he was stone blind; yet, I see, I thought there warn't no harm in my jest passin him along, and not sayin' nothing about it, but I was mighty swayed off for keg of whiskey; but come to get him back, and his eyes looked as bright as yours— but come to look, I found him stone blind; 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FROM OUR CANADIAN CORRESPONDENT.

Retirement of Mr. Baldwin from the Canadian Ministry—Debate on the Clergy Reserves—Bill to incorporate the Lake Superior and Pacific Railroad Company—Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Delegation—Public Dinner to Mr. Howe.

TORONTO, July 4, 1851.

To the Editor of the *National Era*:

An event has occurred here, during the past week, which is of considerable importance. I allude to the resignation of Mr. Baldwin, the Attorney General for Upper Canada, and one of the leading members of the Government, owing to the decision of the House on Thursday night last, consequent upon a motion of Mr. McKenzie, who submitted a resolution having for its object the abolishing of the Court of Chancery, which, although it was not carried, was only defeated by a majority of 34 to 30; all the members of the Upper Province投了 in favor of the measure, with the exception of six, who were either members of the Government, or its supporters; and which was negatived by means of the French Canadians of Lower Canada, twenty-four in number, who, as usual, voted together.

The Court of Chancery was, present, and a party of two hundred assembled on the occasion at the St. Lawrence Hall, among whom were several gentlemen who were invited from the State of New York. The speech of Mr. Howe, although it did not sustain the motion, was, however, of great interest; but he made a mistake in the commencement, by complimenting the Governor General, against whom there is a strong feeling here, owing to his having given his assent to the Rebellion Bills, which led to the riotous proceedings and death of the French Canadians. The result is, that neither party seems to be pleased with the turn affairs took.

The Governor General was, present, and the Speaker of the House, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, the Executive Council, and the Corporation and citizens of Toronto, laid the chief cornerstone of the new Normal and Model Schools for Upper Canada, about to be erected in this city. The Duke of Wellington, the Duke of Argyll, the band of the 71st Highlanders, playing the national anthem, when an address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, Chief Superintendent of Schools in this Province; and by his Excellency replied in his usual happy strain.

The first trowel was afterwards presented by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Toronto, on behalf of the Council of Public Instruction, and subsequently a square and mallet, with which he laid and adjoined the corner stone, the hand playing the national anthem.

The subject of the Lunatic Asylum has come up in the House of Assembly, on a motion for

relatives to that institution, where fifteen

deaths have occurred during the last three

years; and it is thought, by some of the

discharge of a number of the attendants, and the

the substitution of others unacquainted with the

diligent and conscientious duties which attend on

the insane requires.

Mr. Baldwin, finding that he had lost the confidence of the constituency which he more immediately represented, and considering that the Court as reconstructed had not had sufficient time allowed to give it a fair trial, tendered his resignation to the Governor General on Friday, which was accepted.

At first the other members of the Government

thought they could not consistently remain; but

feeling that the breaking up of the Ministry at

the present juncture would throw the public affairs of the Province into the utmost confusion,

decided upon remaining in office until the close

of the session, at which time it is understood

Mr. Lafontaine, the other Attorney General,

will retire from public life and its turmoil.

The effect of Mr. Baldwin's retirement, how-

ever, will be to bring the session to a permanent close, after two or three weeks; by which time

various important public measures that are on

the table will be disposed of.

Last night, the question of the Clergy Re-

serves came up for discussion, on a motion of the

Commissioners of Crown Lands for an address of

thanks to the Queen, for the favorable reply to

that of last session, praying that these Reserves

may be placed at the disposal of the Legislature

of the Province, with a view to their being de-

signed to educational or similar purposes.

The Free Church and Congregationalists, who

are opposed to all church endowments, objected

to this application of the public funds, and con-

tinued to excite discontent in the public mind,

until the question became a fruitful source of

agitation just previous to every election.

When Lord Sydenham governed the Province

after the rebellion, he was desirous of having it

settled; and the Legislature of Upper Canada,

being unable to agree upon a plan, appealed to

the Imperial Parliament, which passed an act,

which was intended to set the question, however,

as to the two ecclesiastical churches in the

service of the cause of the Reserves—the remaining

half to be divided among the other religious

denominations, according to the numbers of their

members, respectively; and thus matters stood

until last session, when the Commissioners of

Crown Lands carried the address referred to, pre-

paratory to the approaching election.

If the Reserves are to be divided from their

existing endowments, there exists no reason why

the immense endowments of the Roman Catholic

Church in Lower Canada, derived from the

French monarchs previous to the conquest, should

not share the same fate. This the Franco-Can-

adian party, who are now in power, have

voted for the Reserves being placed at the

disposal of the Legislature, yet it is very evident

that when the question comes up there, they will

oppose any alienation of this fund from its origi-

nal object.

Notwithstanding the opposition last evening,

the address was carried by a majority of 45 to 16.

A bill has been introduced into the Legisla-

ture, to incorporate a company for the construc-

tion of a railroad from Lake Superior to the Pa-

cific ocean, and from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

Mr. Whitney has, with, on the part of the op-

ponents, the germ of a future undertaking.

The plan proposed by the bill is similar to that

of the bill introduced from the British Parlia-

ment, and, as far as I can learn, this would have

this advantage over Mr. Whitney's line, as sub-

mitted to Congress, that it would at the outset

pass through a more tract of country for its tra-

versal, and, in this respect, above all others, would

be found, either for the construction of roads or

for the purposes of settlement, and would be es-

sured from hostile aggression on the part of the

aborigines of the country by the powerful pro-

tection of the Hudson Bay Company.

The delegation from the Canadian Min-

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corporate the Lake Superior and Pacific Railroad

Company—Nova Scotia and New Brunswick De-

legation—Public Dinner to Mr. Howe.

TORONTO, July 4, 1851.

To the Editor of the *National Era*:

An event has occurred here, during the past

week, which is of considerable importance. I allude to the resignation of Mr. Baldwin, the Attorney General for Upper Canada, and one of the leading members of the Government, owing to the decision of the House on Thursday night last, consequent upon a motion of Mr. McKenzie, who submitted a resolution having for its object the abolishing of the Court of Chancery, which, although it was not carried, was only defeated by a majority of 34 to 30; all the members of the Upper Province投了 in favor of the measure, with the exception of six, who were either members of the Government, or its supporters; and which was negatived by means of the French Canadians of Lower Canada, twenty-four in number, who, as usual, voted together.

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the occasion at the St. Lawrence Hall, among whom were several gentlemen who were invited from the State of New York.

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